



CHECK IT OUT!

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES
OCTOBER 2023



HAPPY FALL, MONTAGUE!



Those mornings sure got chilly quickly!

It may be time to wind down our gardens for the season, but it's never too early to start planning for next year. Join us at the Montague Center Library on Monday October 2nd and 16th at 6:00PM for gardening presentations by Michael Marcotriciano, former Director of the Botanic Gardens at Smith College. First, we'll learn about the history of the American lawn, then we'll learn how not to kill our trees.

Plans for Falls Fest are coalescing at a speedy clip! MPL library staff and Friends of the Libraries will join Discovery Center staff for programming outside of the Center, including orienteering activities, a craft, and free books for children! There will also be activities up and down Avenue A led by local businesses, a Makers Market and performances at the Shea, music at Spinner Park and next to the Rendezvous, and music performances plus a beer garden at Peskeompskut Park. Check our Falls Fest event page for more information.

The libraries will also celebrate the spooky season with a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28th from 11:00AM to 12:00PM. Children of all ages are welcome to wear their costumes and enjoy a scavenger hunt and, of course, lots of candy.

Behind the scenes, the libraries' trustees have voted to forgive lost fines for items that have been lost for 2 or more years. The three libraries have nearly 3,000 items, going back to 2012, that have been lost and which we'll almost certainly never receive back. Many of these items were checked out to children who had little ability to return items on their own and now, as young adults, are unable to use their card. The trustees and I believe it's important for the Montague Public Libraries to offer the community a second chance at using library resources. The Libraries' mission states that, "everyone is welcome through our doors." This action shows that we mean it.

All the best!

Caitlin

We want your feedback! The Montague Public Libraries are applying for state funding to expand the Carnegie Library or build a new library in downtown Turners Falls.

By telling us about your local library experiences, you can make sure that a future building project will serve the diverse needs of our community for generations to come.

To complete the survey, scan this QR code, go to <https://forms.gle/3oE95jngNSPo79338>, or fill out a paper copy at the library



The Montague Libraries will be closed on Monday, October 9th for Indigenous Peoples Day.

LIBRARY INFORMATION

New Hours!

Carnegie Public Library

413-863-3214

201 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Monday - Wednesday

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Millers Falls Library

413-659-3801

23 Bridge St.

Tuesday & Thursday

2:00-7:00

Montague Center Library

413-367-2852

17 Center St.

Monday & Wednesday

2:00 - 7:00

Friday 10:00-1:00

Website:

montaguepubliclibraries.org



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PROGRAMS


FOR FAMILIES


FOR ADULTS


FOR EVERYONE!

GRAB & GO BAGS

Science - Glow Ghosts

Craft - Clothespin Bats

STORY TIME

Saturdays 10:00 AM 

Join us for stories, crafts, rhymes and songs at the **Carnegie Library**.

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 PM

Build with library LEGOS at the **Carnegie Library**.

PLAYGROUP

Thursdays 10:00 AM

A morning of free play at the **Carnegie Library** each week.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, October 27, 4:00-4:45PM

Carnegie Library

Bring your ideas and suggestions for teen library programming. Snacks will be provided.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 28, 11:00-12:00PM
Carnegie Library Children of all ages and their caregivers can enjoy a scavenger hunt, make wearable crafts, pose in a photo booth, & more!



GREAT STORIES CLUB

1st & 3rd Thursdays 3:00-4:30

Brick House. Designed for TEENS.

This event kicks off the Great Stories Club grant. Teens can pick up free copies of all 4 of the Sci-Fi books and find out about upcoming related events. Lunch will be served! *The GSC is made possible by a grant from the American Library Association.*

TURF WARS: THE GREAT AMERICAN LAWN

Monday, October 2, 6:00 - 7:00PM

Learn how we got from a country of forests and prairies to a country dotted by countless green acres of high maintenance turfgrass. Led by Michael Marcotrigiano.

Montague Center Library

OUTDOOR CONCERT

Wednesday, October 11, 6:00-7:00PM

Join us outside of the library for a concert by local singer/songwriter, Jenny Burtis!

Montague Center Library

FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, October 16, 5:30-6:30 PM 

Current and future Friends, join us for the monthly meeting. Every 2nd Monday.

Carnegie Library

HOW NOT TO KILL A TREE

Monday, October 16, 6:00 - 7:00PM

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MONTAGUE CENTER LIBRARY

AUTHOR SERIES

Wednesday, October 18, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Richie Davis, *Flights of Fancy*. Refreshments provided.

KITCHEN WIZARDRY

Thursday, October 19, 2:00PM 

Nalini will lead a diabetes friendly workshop, demonstrating how to make wholesome, delicious and healthy dinner bowls with an emphasis on flavor! Hosted at **MCSM Family Center, 41 3rd St. Turners Falls.**

These workshops were made possible thanks to a grant from the Association for Rural & Small Libraries.

DROP-IN AND DRAW

Wednesday, October 25, 4:00PM - 5:00PM 

Montague Center Library

with local artist Caroline Wampole.

MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 26, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Montague Center Library

No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister.



FALLS FEST!

Saturday, October 21, 1:00PM - 6:00PM
Avenue A, Turners Falls

Celebrating our Great Falls neighbors and local businesses, with family activities, good food and great music.

Visit montaguepubliclibraries.org or the *Falls Fest Facebook event page* for details!